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(c) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The number of beatings was not recorded and it is not possible to furnish information at this distance of time. The nature of the wounds was contusions and stick marks. No picketer fell down unconscious as a result of the beating. The picketers were removed to the Hospital by the police.

(c) None.

Alleged beating of two volunteers by the Police in Mangalore on 26th March 1932.

* 3 Q.—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether two volunteers Babu Shetti and Subbayya Shetti picketed on 26th March 1932 the foreign yarn shop of Ganesh Srinivasa Pai in Mangalore and whether the Police formed a cordon round the volunteers and beat them with canes;

(b) under what provision of law the two volunteers within the police ring were beaten by the police; and

(c) whether it is a fact that two volunteers Subbayya Shetti and Vaikunta Shirianna picketed the shop of D. Kanji Bros. at Mangalore on the same date and were severely beaten by the police?

A.—(a) The two persons mentioned picketed a foreign yarn shop on 26th March 1932. The picketers and the crowd that had collected were warned by the Police to disperse. The two persons received some cuts from canes but no cordon was formed round them.

(b) The picketers were not beaten within a Police ring.

(c) The volunteers picketed the shop referred to and a crowd collected. They were warned to disperse and on refusal to disperse they received some cuts from canes.

Alleged beating of two volunteers for picketing the shop of D. Kanji Bros. on 6th April 1932.

* 4 Q.—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that only two volunteers picketed the foreign cloth shop of D. Kanji Bros. on 6th April 1932 at 4-30 p.m. in Mangalore town;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Police came in their van headed by the Circle Inspector and Sub-Inspector of Police and beat the picketers with canes;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Police van was placed between the picketers and the main portion of the road;